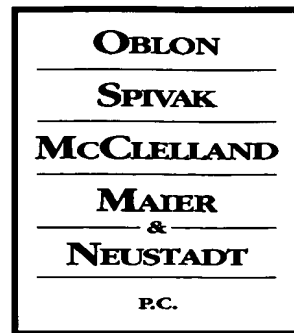




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Applicants: Kyoko KOIBUCHI, et al.
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 28, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 1-8, drawn in part to, and Claim 9, drawn entirely to, an aminopeptidase having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:5, to a nucleic acid sequence encoding the same, including the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4, to vectors and transformed host cells comprising the encoding nucleic acid sequence, and to a method of making the encoded aminopeptidase utilizing said vectors and host cells, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-8, drawn in part to an aminopeptidase having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, to a nucleic acid sequence encoding the same, including the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, to vectors and transformed host cells comprising the encoding nucleic acid sequence, and to a method of making the encoded aminopeptidase utilizing said vectors and host cells; and